

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. KOHIRA et al  
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Examiner: J. Evans  
For: MAGNETIC HEAD SLIDER AND MAGNETIC DISK  
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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August 27, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.